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I didn't see the call for items this week, should we add a blurb about the [REDACTED] site visit after the fact? I drafted the description below.

### **Beneficial Use**

On February 8, 2016, Chris Carusiello traveled to Sacramento, CA to attend the first Synthetic Turf Scientific Advisory Panel Meeting at the CalEPA Headquarters building. This panel is a group of expert scientists that have been invited by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to provide scientific advice on OEHHA's Synthetic Turf Study.

In addition, on February 9, he traveled to [REDACTED] to participate in a group tour of [REDACTED] crumb rubber processing facilities with members of EPA-ORD, CDC, and [REDACTED].

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**Consolidated Report to the AA**  
Office of Land and Emergency Management  
*Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery*  
**for the Weeks of 2/8/16 – 2/19/16**

### **Informational/No Action**

#### **Electronics Implementation Study**

- (UPDATED) On February 4th, ORCR released the Implementation Study of the two electronics recycling certification programs in the U.S.: the Responsible Recycling Standard for Electronics Recyclers (R2) and the e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronics Equipment (e-Stewards®). The study fulfills a key commitment under the 2011 National Strategy for Electronics Stewardship, which tasks the federal government to lead by example in encouraging the greener design and responsible management of used electronics. Communications activities are aimed to spread awareness of the study and of the certification programs and to share EPA's recommendations for how implementation could be improved.

#### **ORCR Training**

- (NEW) On February 8, ORCR staff will visit the Montgomery County Recycling Center as part of a field trip series designed to offer ORCR staff of all job classifications and experience a chance to gain a better understanding of the RCRA program in action by visiting local facilities.

## **e-Manifest**

- ORCR expects to send the final e-Manifest Advisory Board package to OLEM by February 15. Once OLEM completes review, this package will then proceed to the Administrator for final approval.
- (NEW) The e-Manifest User Fee Rule Draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was cleared by OP and transmitted to OMB on January 28, 2016. OMB accepted the draft proposed rule on January 29, which starts the 90-day review period for OMB to conduct its EO 12866 and interagency review.
- (NEW) In support of the March release of the e-Manifest Minimum Viable Product (MVP), the team has built the search functionality module of the system. The search function allows users to search for manifest records by generator, transporter, or Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility (TSDF) name, date and generator or disposal state. The updated development site is available at <https://e-manifest-dev.18f.gov/>.

## **Explosives**

- (NEW) On February 3, 2016, ORCR staff participated in a meeting of the Interagency Committee on Explosives (ICE). Discussion topics included: lithium batteries (emerging threats, modes of battery failure, testing, shipping and storage safety), a newly developed mapping software tool (Incident Management Preparedness and Coordination Toolkit – IMPACT), and improving TSA screening efficiency at airports.

## **Recycling**

- On February 10, ORCR will discuss cathode ray tube (CRT) recycling options with Sony.

## **Speaking Engagements in the next 60 days**

- (NEW) February 4, RCSD (Cheryl Coleman) attended the Waste Management 2016 Executive Sustainability Forum in Scottsdale, AZ and facilitated the afternoon Food Waste Breakout Session. The session reviewed the wasted food problem, highlighted the 2030 goal and encouraged a roundtable discussion on prevention, packaging and practical methods to reduce wasted food. (<https://clients.sportssystems.com/clients/wmforum/#>)
- From February 9-11<sup>th</sup>, Kathleen Salyer will represent ORCR at the 2016 Alaska Forum on the Environment (AFE) and the Alaska Backhaul Finance meeting. The AFE is Alaska's largest statewide gathering of environmental professionals from government agencies, non-profit and for-profit businesses, community leaders, Alaskan youth, conservationists, biologists and community elders. The Backhaul Finance Meeting will bring stakeholders, including Alaska Native Village leaders, federal, state and local officials, business leaders and others together for discussions of financing options for improving solid waste management in rural Alaska through backhauling. Backhauling involves removing materials that are recyclable, reusable, or possible soil, air and/or water contaminants from rural areas, often using empty ships, trucks, planes and other vehicles that deliver goods to these areas.
- (NEW) On February 11, 2016, Cheryl Coleman will speak on Sustainable Materials Management at “Boosting the Circular Economy” Seminar, hosted by the Royal Netherlands Embassy. The Netherlands is considered a ‘circular hotspot’ and the seminar will feature success stories from both the Netherlands and international business communities. The seminar will explore a variety of questions about switching to a circular economic model and what that will mean for today’s companies, customers, and legislators. Confirmed speakers include representatives from Philips, the Dow Chemical Company, Accenture, the Chamber of Commerce, the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and the co-author of “Cradle to Cradle” Remaking the Way We Make Things,” William McDonough.
- From February 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, Kathleen Salyer will support Mathy Stanislaus at a G7 Resource Efficiency Alliance Workshop in Yokohama, Japan. The workshop continues work on resource efficiency, which began under Germany’s presidency and will be continued under the new Japanese presidency. G7 partner countries will share progress on activities related to resource efficiency and follow up on the Kobe 3R (reduce, reuse, recycle) Action Plan.

- From March 1-2<sup>nd</sup> ORCR and OECA are holding the first ever US-Mexico bilateral waste meeting to coordinate on the implementation of hazardous waste export and import requirements, improving the electronic exchange of notice and consent data and explaining future activities and regulations in Mexico City.
- From March 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, ORCR is leading the effort to host a supply chain workshop in Washington, DC as part of the G7 Alliance on Resource Efficiency. The workshop will use the auto sector as an example and will facilitate the sharing of best practices related to the use of lifecycle concepts to advance resource efficiency and sustainable materials management across all supply chains. The workshop is expected to be attended by representatives from the auto sector manufacturers and suppliers, representatives from other sectors, government officials (U.S. and international), and non-governmental organizations who seek to advance the G7 Alliance on Resource Efficiency.

#### **Public Announcements in the next 60 days**

- By the end of February, a draft approval for new Utility Solid Waste Activities Group (USWAG) members authorizing disposal options for low-level PCB remediation waste is expected to be posted online for public comment. The new members joined USWAG after June 2014, when similar approvals were granted to USWAG members.
- In early February, ORCR plans to announce the formation of the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Advisory Board.
- On February 11<sup>th</sup>, ORCR will announce the Champions of the 2015 Sustainable Materials Management Electronics Challenge. The proposed agenda for the event includes a discussion with OLEM senior leadership and the Challenge participants about the National Strategy for Electronics Stewardship and “hot topics” facing the electronics community.
- ORCR plans to finalize its strategy for addressing the retail sector by late February 2016 by posting it on our website and sharing it with stakeholders.
- By the end of February, final approvals for National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) members authorizing disposal options for low-level PCB remediation waste are expected to be posted online.

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